

California Libertarian News

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FREEDOM REBORN: A SUMMARY

In one of the most exciting contests in Libertarian Party history, Jim Turney of Virginia was elected National Chair at the LP National Convention in Phoenix (August 13 - 17).

It took four ballots to eliminate all the other contenders (Randy Ver Hagen, Clifford Thies, Steve Fielder, and Vernon Etzel) hours after the balloting had begun. The final ballot was between Turney and Ver Hagen, with the last state in the roll-call giving Turney the votes he needed to go over the top. None-of-the-above almost drew enough votes on the final ballot to throw the Convention into a deadlock by denying either of the finalists a majority.

After the results were announced, Ver Hagen joined Turney on the dais and asked his supporters to exchange their Ver Hagen Buttons for Turney Buttons.

Several LPC members were elected to various positions at the convention. Sharon Ayres was elected Vice Chair of the LP. Sam Treynor was elected Treasurer. Jack Dean, Mark Hinkle and Bill Evers were elected to the National Committee. Bill White, Ed Clark, and Michael Grossberg were elected to the Judicial Committee.

The platform was modified and updated to reflect more current concerns. Foreign policy plank revisions included updating our plank on China and adding a new plank condemning U. S. involvement in Central America. A new plank on Justice for the Individual deals with vigilanteism (ala Bernard Goetz.) The most debated platform plank was probably the new plank on American Indian Rights. Some of the delegates opposed this plank as racist, favoring special treatment for American Indians. However, the plank won the approval of more than two-thirds of the delegates.

Among the changes to the Party's bylaws, the most significant were the following: The Presidential candidate's veto over the Convention's selection of a running mate has been eliminated. Instead, The Presidential nominee may address the convention for five minutes following his nomination by the Convention. Presidential Nominating conventions may be held in the Spring, if it will be to our advantage to nominate our candidates in the Presidential Year, rather than a year ahead of time. States may combine into whatever regions they want to for the purpose of electing National Committee Reps. The LP National Convention, in addition to dealing with Platform and Bylaws, will now be charged with creating an LP Program, as a supplement to the Platform, to deal with items of immediate concern and transition programs that will move us toward our ultimate objectives as stated in the Platform.

The next national LP convention will be held in Seattle, sometime between July, 1987 and June, 1988.

TRYON BEATS RECALL

The attempt, in Calaveras County, to recall Libertarian Supervisor Tom Tryon has failed. The recallers, who objected to Tom's criticism of County Sheriff Claude Ballard's "War on Drugs," failed to file the required 784 signatures by August 17th. They claim to have collected about 500 signatures and vow to try again in six months.

Tom's mailing to all Calaveras County voters raised more than enough money to pay for itself, and helped us to identify scores of Calaveras County voters who agree with us on the drug issue.

The LPC's mailings to 7500 California Libertarians have brought in nearly \$5,000 at a cost of under \$2,000. We were making good progress toward building up a "war chest" to fight the recall when we found out Tom had won.

The money we had raised was scheduled to be invested in a fundraising mailing to 15,000 more California Libertarians not among the first 7,500 we wrote to. Now, however, that mailing will have to wait until the next recall effort is launched against Tom or one of our other elected Libertarians.

Our two-month campaign against Tom Tryon's recall has put the LPC in a much better position to fight future recalls. Next time, instead of starting from scratch, we will have at least the \$3,000 (net) we have raised so far to use as "seed money."

In the meantime, the \$3,000 can be invested and re-invested in money-making projects so that it will always be available to fight a threatened recall.

A big "Thank you" goes to the hundreds of California Libertarians who have contributed to build up our anti-recall fund.

HELP!

Do you have what it takes to be the Data Processing Assistant to the LPC State Coordinator? This volunteer should have access to an 80-column keypunch machine, preferably in the Central Los Angeles region, and five to ten hours per week to devote to keypunching address corrections and contribution and membership data into cards which will be fed into our database system.

Up to now, this work has been performed by the State Coordinator, but with the increasing volume of data to be processed we now have to look for someone else to do this work, or else pay a service bureau to do it (which will increase the cost and reduce the profitability of our mailings.)

If you can help, please call Bob Lehman at (213) 389-3358.

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Baby-Boomers Dominant In Voter Preference Shift

Doug Badow

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan has opened his campaign for a fundamental political realignment. In staking out the high ground on the issue of tax reform, Reagan hopes the Republican Party finally can shed its image of being the party of privilege and big business.

Indeed, voter preferences have shifted dramatically toward the GOP, narrowing a gap that has persisted since the 1930s. And a number of important Democrats have switched, or are preparing to switch, parties.

WALTER MONDALE — far ahead in the polls, the leading money-raiser, endorsed by virtually every living Democratic officeholder and supported by almost every interest group — was almost beaten by an obscure Colorado senator, Gary Hart. Neither candidate (nor, frankly, any of us political commentators) was "prepared for what happened," say Germond and Witcover.

Though Hart eventually lost the nomination fight, Mondale could not carry Hart's Yuppie constituency and ended up on the short end of the largest Electoral College landslide in U.S. history.

This political catastrophe naturally sent Democratic officeholders and intellectuals into a frenzy — hosting conferences, creating new organizations and, of all things, criticizing the very special interests that have long been the mainstay of the party. Even Edward Kennedy who, if anything, is more representative of the politics of the past than Mondale, has joined in the chorus.

THE CRITICAL question is whether all of this "handwringing," in the words of Rep. Tim Wirth of Colorado, will enable the Democrats to regain the White House. Virtually everyone agrees that whatever message the Democrats — and Republicans — decide to offer in the years ahead, it must be addressed to the newly dominant generation in U.S. politics, the Yuppies or baby-boomers. That group already has "had an enormous impact on the political process," says Democratic pollster Patrick Caddell, and we "still haven't seen the full impact."

Which party is in the best position to snare the allegiance of the 75 million people born between 1946 and 1964, who will make up roughly 60 percent of the electorate in 1988? Last year, they almost gave the Democratic presidential nomination to Hart, who was perceived as being to the right of Mondale and the Democratic establishment on economics but to the left on foreign policy and cultural issues.

THOUGH SUCH positions seem inconsistent, University of Central Florida Professors William Maddox and Stuart Lilie told a recent Cato Institute conference that such voters fit into a new four-way philosophical matrix as "libertarians." (The other new category is "populists," who tend to support both cultural and economic regulation by government).

In 1980, libertarians made up only 18 percent of the electorate, but that number is growing rapidly because a disproportionate number of baby-boomers are libertarians.

To which standard will these voters flock? Caddell argues that his party has a "shorter road to go" because all it must do is "restore its image as the engine of economic growth."

But Rep. Vin Weber, a bright Minnesota Republican, argues that President Reagan has broken "the old linkage" between a large, activist government and better times.

ON THE OTHER HAND, Republican strategists like Lee Atwater acknowledge the dangers posed by the social issues to a Republican-Yuppie alliance. The baby-boomers, Atwater says, are socially "tolerant," with a live-and-let-live attitude toward differing lifestyles. For this reason, Democrats like Wirth argue that fundamentalists, who occupy an important position in the conservative coalition, and baby-boomers are "mutually exclusive."

In the end, perhaps neither major party will gain the loyalty of the younger generation, leading to a prolonged period of political instability. The Democrats seem too wedded to income redistribution to seriously consider the fundamental policy changes necessary to promote wealth creation. And too many Republicans believe that the freedom of the marketplace should stop at a person's doorstep if his morals differ from those of his neighbors.

THE PERMANENCE of President Reagan's political legacy depends less on tax reform or any other single issue than on which of the two parties is best able to appeal to the overall libertarian instincts of baby-boom voters.

CAMPUS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

A new phase of the LPC's Momentum '86 program is underway: organizing Libertarian student groups throughout California.

Ken Royal of Garden Grove has been appointed as state-wide Campus Coordinator by LPC Chair Jack Dean. Ken is Vice Chair of the Orange County Central Committee and has already organized a Libertarian campus group at UC/Irvine, where he is a sophomore majoring in political science.

A letter has already gone out to California Libertarians to raise money for books, brochures, organizing materials, and list prospecting. By mid-to-late September we hope to have materials in the hands of Libertarian student organizers throughout California.

The goal of this program is to generate active student organizations on at least 20 campuses by the spring of '86. If you'd like to get involved in a campus Libertarian group, call Ken Royal at (714) 898-9477.

Dear Editor:

As you know Dr. Arthur Laffer, outspoken supporter of the free market and individual liberty, is running for U. S. Senate. What's the problem? The Jan. 15, 1983 edition of "The Firing Line" (newsletter of the California Rifle and Pistol Association) lists "A. B. Laffer Assoc." as contributing \$500 to Proposition 15, the anti-handgun anti-self-defense initiative. I could not believe this was Arthur Laffer's donation until I called A. B. Laffer Assoc. in Palos Verdes.

Dr. Laffer himself returned my call, admitted having made the donation, and offered a particularly lame excuse: He said a close friend was working on the campaign, "and you know what you'll do for a friend." Even violate other people's constitutional rights, I suppose.

I want all gun rights supporters to know about this donation. Apparently Dr. Laffer's concept of individual liberty does not include the inherent right of self-defense.

Sincerely,
Carl Russell Howard

LPC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The LPC's 1986 membership drive begins October 1st, 1985. The goal of the drive is to have 1,986 LPC members by the 1986 LPC State Convention next February. There are currently about 1,100 LPC members.

Beginning in late September, we will be sending out 1986 membership solicitations to current and lapsed LPC members, current and lapsed national LP members, national, LPC, and Bergland for President contributors, and recent inquiries.

Membership solicitations will continue to be sent monthly to any prospect group which shows at least an 8% return. (An 8% return is needed to break even since the LPC only gets \$3 from each \$15 membership, after deducting \$9 for the County's share of dues and \$3 for newsletter costs.)

Local organizations can help boost the drive by doing supplemental mailings to their own lists, doing telephone follow-up to prospects (the LPC can provide free phone lists), or visiting prospects in their homes (the LPC can provide zip-coded lists).

Awards will be presented at the 1986 LPC State Convention to the county organization (or in Los Angeles County, the regional organization) which shows the greatest absolute membership growth, as well as to that organization which shows the greatest percentage growth, from October to February.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Dan Gorham and Joe Magnin of Axios, for allowing the use of their IBM Electronic Selectric Composer in typesetting this newsletter.

NEW LPC MAILING ADDRESS

The Libertarian Party of California has established a new permanent mailing address (our third in less than a year) at 3610 West Sixth Street, Suite 531, Los Angeles, CA 90020. Please use this address on membership applications and for correspondence with the LPC State Coordinator.

FORTUNE BOOSTS "NEW LIBERTARIANS"

The August 5, 1985, issue of Fortune magazine carried a 5-page article, "The New Libertarians Make Waves," which tells of the growth of libertarianism among young business leaders.

The author of the article, Thomas Moore, seems to prefer a watered-down version of libertarianism to the real thing. He calls politicians Ed Zschau, Jack Kemp, Gary Hart, and Bill Bradley "Pols with Libertarian Appeal," and refers to the "utopian" Libertarian Party as "ideologues who champion a romantic individualism that opposes nearly all tax-supported government activity." (NEARLY all?! - ed.)

Nonetheless, the article is generally favorable to libertarians, pointing out the growing appeal of libertarianism, especially among the "baby-boom" generation of business leaders: "There's no question that the appeal of libertarian views is the fastest-growing political phenomenon," says Lee Atwater, 34, a political strategist in the Reagan campaign. "There's a consensus out there that's going to bite people in the ass."



Ray Bradbury is the author of "Fahrenheit 451," "The Martian Chronicles," "The Illustrated Man," "The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms" and many other books.

The Future of Freedom Conference series is the oldest libertarian/individualist conference in the nations. Started in 1969 with Prof. Ludwig von Mises as the keynote speaker, the FOFCon brings together a diverse mixture of people to learn, enjoy and meet new and old friends. Some 500 to 600 people attend FOFCon annually (now in its 13th year). We hope you will attend.

NON-STUDENT (non-food functions)		Sept. 10/Oct. 12/ At Door
(1a) Two-Days	\$55.00/\$60.00/\$65.00	
(1b) One-Day	\$32.00/\$37.00/\$42.00	

FRI. NIGHT CELEBRITY COCKTAIL PARTY/DEBATE

This is a book signing session by well-known authors. Afterwards, a debate on Natural Rights—Do They Exist—by George Smith and former English Marxist David Ramsay Steele.

SAT. & SUN. LUNCHEONS

These luncheons are scheduled outdoors in a patio. Live music (Irish/Country folksongs) will be provided both days.

(4a) Bradbury Luncheon	\$14.50/\$15.50/\$16.50*
(6a) Hess Luncheon	\$14.50/\$15.50/\$16.50*

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(5a) Regular Food Ticket	\$24.00/\$28.00/\$34.00*
(5b) Golden Table Food Ticket	\$45.00/\$55.00/\$60.00*
(5c) Non-Food Ticket	\$5.00/\$6.00/\$7.00

EXHIBIT TABLES (6 Foot Tables)

(7a) Sat. & Sun. Only	\$70.00/\$80.00/\$90.00
(7b) Fri. Night Book Sellers (Book Signing)	\$15.00/\$20.00/\$25.00

PACKAGE DEALS (Non-Students)

(8a) Golden Package (All speeches, Sat. Night Banquet, both luncheons, Friday Night Celebrity Cocktail/Debate—Discounted Even More)	\$109/\$124/\$139
(8b) Silver Package (All speeches and Sat. Night Banquet—Discounted Even More)	\$76/\$87/\$98

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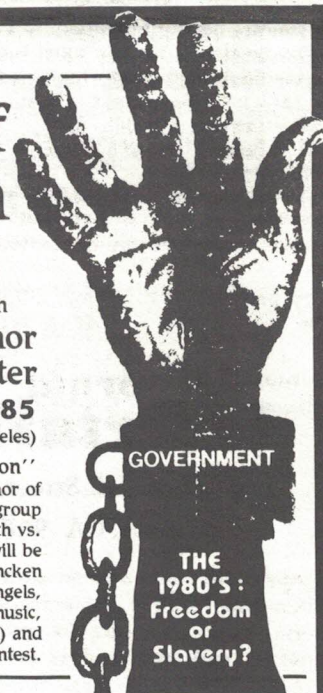
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Ray Bradbury, Science Fiction Author
Karl Hess, Presidential Speech Writer

Oct. 25, 26 & 27, 1985

Griswold's Hotel, Fullerton (30 miles south of Los Angeles)

OTHER SPEAKERS: Robert Poole, editor of "Reason" author; Jeff Riggenbach, radio personality; Barry Reid, author of "The Paper Trip;" Dr. Robert Simon, leader of medical group inside Afghanistan; Debate on Natural Rights—George Smith vs. former English Marxist David Ramsay Steele. Karl Hess will be honored at the Sat. Night Banquet (including the Mencken Awards). Also, a speech by a leader of the Guardian Angels, workshops, video room, two outside luncheons with live music, Friday Night Celebrity Cocktail Party (book signing session) and Statebusters Speech Contest.



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LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

Alameda	THU, Sept. 12	Quarterly Dinner	Chair, Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte	WED, Sept. 4	Election of Officers	Contact David Simons	415/449-6643
Contra Costa		No Meeting in August	Chair, Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Fresno			Chair, Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Kern			Chair, Bob Subers	209/299-7294
Lake			Chair, Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Marin	WED, Oct. 2	Marshall Fritz, "The Self-Government Advocates"	Chair, Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Monterey			Chair, Tom Jacobsen	415/924-5246
Nevada	Friday Mornings	Book Discussion: "Libertarianism in One Lesson"	Chair, Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Orange	TUE, Sept. 10	Discussion of National LP Convention Results	Interim Chair, Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Placer			Chair, Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
Riverside	THU, Sept. 19	Audio Tape Discussion Group	Chair, Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
	TUE, Sept. 24	Bob Poole, "Defending a Free Society"	Chair, Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Chair, Eric Phelps	916/338-0290
San Bernardino	TUE, Sept. 24	Bob Poole, "Defending a Free Society"	Chair, Brian Bishko	714/792-4037
San Diego	MON, Sept. 9	Campaign Meeting:	Contact: Kerry Smith	619/743-3118
		Pam Hewitt for Smith Escondido Union School Board	or: Phyllis Avery	619/439-5899
	TUE, Sept. 17	Jack Dean, "The LPC: Where do We Go From Here"	Contact: Dick Rider	619/276-7166
	WED, Sept. 25	LPC Central Committee Meeting	Chair, Pat Wright	619/238-0913
(North County)	THU, Sept. 26	David Bergland, "How to Eliminate the Personal Income Tax and Still Run the Country"	Contact: Kerry Smith	619/743-3118
San Francisco	WED, Sept. 11	National LP Convention Report	Chair, Ann Justi	415/864-0952
San Joaquin	Thursdays	Christian Libertarian Discussion Group	Chair, George Schwappach	209/334-5948
San Mateo			Contact Dave Bell	415/365-9102
Santa Barbara			Chair, Jan Bellamy-Genee	805/965-7821
Santa Clara	THU, Sept. 19	Videotape: Walter Williams, "The State Against Blacks"		
	TUE, Sept. 24	Jim Wilson & Steve Alexander, "Introduction to Libertarianism"		
Santa Cruz	Sept. 16 - 22	County Fair Booth	Chair, Jim Wilson	408/CRY-FREE
Solano			Chair, Tim Kilburn	408/688-1376
Sonoma			Chair, Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Tulare	SATS, Sept 7&21	Discussion: Bob Poole's "Cutting Back City Hall"	Chair, Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Ventura	THU, Sept. 5	Supper Club	Chair, Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
	SUN, Sept. 8	International Food Fair	Chair, George Hasara	805/525-6321
61 - San Fernando Valley			Regional Message Center	818/705-6496
62 - West LA	THU, Sept. 19	Carol Moore, "Secede and Survive"	Chair, Neal Donner	213/477-6462
63 - Foothills	TUE, Sept. 17	Toastmasters Ted Brown, Dick Eagleson & Howard Hinman		
		"Who Enforces the Laws in a Libertarian Society?"	Contact Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
64 - Central LA	THU, Sept. 12	Mike Hall, Civil Liberties Symposium	Chair, Laurel Fest	213/254-1776
65 - Downey	WED, Sept. 11	Business Meeting	Chair, Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
66 - South Bay			Chair, Dave Nichols	213/644-3712
67 - East San Gabriel	TUE, Sept. 24	Bob Poole, "Defending a Free Society"	Chair, Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627

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